

REMARKS

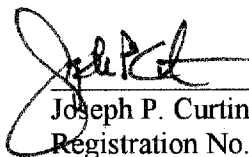
In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed December 3, 2007, Applicants elect without traverse Species I as represented by independent claims 1, 46 and 73 and intervening claims. In particular, Applicants elect without traverse the invention of claims 1-23 and 46-95, and withdraw from consideration the invention of Species II, as represented by claims 24-45 and 96-117, and the invention of Species III, as represented by claims 118-144.

CONCLUSION

Applicants look forward to prosecution on the merits. Should the Examiner find that a telephonic or personal interview would expedite passage to issue of the present application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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